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In re application of

Gonzalez, et al.

Serial No. 09/392,034

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A SELF-ALIGNED
ISOLATION TRENCH

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TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800TERMINAL DISCLAIMER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c)The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Your petitioner, Micron Technology, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a principal place of business at 8000 South Federal Way, Boise, Idaho 83707-0006, by and through, Jesús Juanós i Timoneda, its attorney and attorney of record, represents that an assignment is recorded on Reel 8488 Frame 0262 in the Assignment Branch of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, which assignment transfers from the inventive entity to your Petitioner the entire right in this instant application, Serial No. 08/823,609, filed on the 25th day of March, 1997, for "Method for Forming a Self-Aligned Isolation Trench" now U.S. Patent No. 5,953,621.

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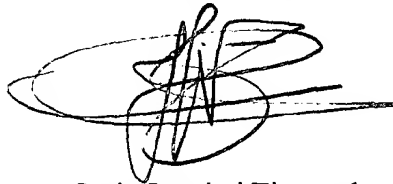
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DATED this 29th day of January 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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